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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Bangkok Bureau--June 1982

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Highlighting this month's operations was the successful conclusion of long-suffering efforts by ASEAN member states to prod the three Kampuchean factions into a coalition in order to enhance both military and diplomatic actions against the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea. The most productive source for coverage of the Kuala Lumpur coalition conference was Hong Kong AFP, the filed wordage of which jumped dramatically by some 50,000 words.

Anticipating consumer interest in reportage/comment on the nascent coalition, the bureau advised Headquarters and BBC of its intention to treat statements and activities of Norodom Sihanouk, Khieu Samphan and Son Sann and issuances of their respective organizations as mandatory text. This prompted a message of concurrence and appreciation from Analysis Group. ] ✓

Responding to an urgent request from the Political Section of the local mission, editors flagged significant items on the conference to Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs John H. Holdridge and his party in Jakarta and to the American Embassy in Vienna for Deputy Assistant Secretary O'Donohue.

2. Late in the month, Bangkok's international airport, Don Muang, was the scene of yet another hijacking, this time an ALITALIA airliner coming from New Delhi. Editors, responding quickly to a BBC alert, placed Bangkok radio and television and Delhi radio on an open speaker watch. Thai television provided periodic live coverage of the event, but the bulk of the coverage was supplied by AFP, which was invariably the fastest off the mark, followed by other Thai media.

3. The bureau's enhanced Vietnamese press selection program made progress this month as processing from NHAN DAN, QUAN DOI NHAN DAN AND TAP CHI CONG SAN increased by more than 15,000 words.

4. Cruising Coordinator [ ] helped ease the editorial burden this month by fathering a reference work comprising a collection of current broadcast times and frequencies for most of the transmitters on bureau coverage. This quick reference guide is anticipated to be of great value to editors during crisis situations. The work will be updated periodically as required. STAT

5. The Indonesian Unit received a surprise this month as Jakarta Domestic Service reception improved considerably. Presumably new transmitters and upgrading of old ones combined to improve monitorability. It is now possible to hear Jakarta Domestic throughout the broadcast day, thus avoiding reliance on the [ ] relay of newscasts. This was indeed welcomed news since reception of Indonesian radio has long been a major bureau problem as the country turned increasingly to satellite transmissions. STAT

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### A. Personnel

1. A ceremony was held on 16 June in the bureau chief's office to present various awards to bureau employees. STAT

2. The family of Indian monitor [ ] finally arrived in Bangkok on 21 June, nearly one year after [ ] arrival, to reside with him. STAT

3. Indonesian/Malay/Thai Unit Chief [ ] and his wife departed the bureau on 22 June on EOT and redocumentation travel to the States. STAT

### B. Buildings and Grounds

The initial approach to [ ] management for lease renewal of the bureau premises got off to a pleasant start when the chief and deputy chief were invited to lunch by the director general [ ] and his realty manager. Negotiations for a multi-year lease were underway by end of month. STAT

### III. VISITS

1. Regional security officer [redacted] conducted the Bureau's biannual security inspection on 10-15 June. STAT

2. Liaison and Requirements Officer [redacted] visited the bureau 17-22 June for a general orientation and meetings with local consumers. A tour and visit of ICA was also scheduled [redacted] STAT  
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3. DCI Liaison Officer [redacted] visited the bureau on 25 June on a courtesy call and to bid farewell to departing deputy chief [redacted] STAT  
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ENGINEERING ATTACHMENT

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Bangkok Bureau

A. Non-Expendable Property Received:

None

B. Items of Engineering Interest:

1. A second CCTV security camera was installed at the Bureau. Under the enhanced security system, both the front door and the inner corridor--comprising the main entrance and exit of the bureau--can now be monitored by the receptionist and/or the slot editor.

2. An extension phone was installed in the hallway of the bureau to eliminate the heavy usage of the receptionist's phone. The new phone frees the receptionist's phone for incoming, outgoing calls and intercom calls, while allowing phone access to other bureau employees.

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## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JUNE 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	515,280 (496,060)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	196,110 (215,550)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,313 ( 1,227)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	15,050 ( 14,975) min.	20,085 ( 20,085) min.	200.23 ( 206.23) issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AFGHANISTAN

Kabul NEW TIMES in English		0 ( 0)
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AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	12,330 ( 13,440)	
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English		0 ( 0)
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English		0 ( 0)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English		0 ( 0)

BANGLADESH

Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali	1,950 ( 290)	
Dacca Domestic Service in English	2,330 ( 4,510)	
Dacca SANGBAD in Bengali		70 ( 0)
Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English		630 ( 920)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	3,370 ( 2,190)	
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese		0 ( 120)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese		110 ( 0)
Rangoon MYANMA in Burmese		0 ( 0)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English		890 ( 810)
Rangoon Domestic Service in English	330 ( 0)	

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 ( 0)	
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	0 ( 680)	
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	2,370 ( 2,360)	
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	0 ( 960)	
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)	
Beijing in Leo to Laos	0 ( 40)	
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0 ( 0)	
Beijing in Thai to Thailand	0 ( 0)	
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 ( 0)	

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea	26,700 ( 25,620)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	2,140 ( 2,410)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	3,730 ( 3,050)		
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	7,850 ( 1,310)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		72,800 ( 27,750)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	1,910 ( 5,530)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	16,380 ( 21,390)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		1,060 ( 2,190)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			1,030 ( 9,170)
Delhi NATION HERALD in English			3,890 ( 710)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			0 ( 0)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 ( 630)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			460 ( 0)
Madras THE HINDU in English			650 ( 1,580)
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesia	6,100 ( 7,240)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		12,390 ( 9,100)	
Jakarta OANA in English		0 ( 150)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			0 ( 0)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			580 ( 0)
<u>KAMPUCHEA</u>			
Phnom Penh International Service in English	0 ( 0)		
Phnom Penh International Service in Thai	0 ( 0)		
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	37,210 ( 35,080)		
Phnom Penh SPK in French		24,420 ( 26,750)	
		0 ( 0)	
		70 ( 90)	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	13,490 ( 50,370)		
Vientiane KPL in English		8,410 ( 25,390)	
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		0 ( 0)	
		0 ( 0)	
Vientiane SIANG PASASON in Lao			0 ( 0)

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	8,550 ( 10,340)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	3,970 ( 4,480)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 ( 0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			700 ( 1,060)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 ( 940)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	0 ( 310)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			190 ( 80)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	650 ( 150)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	7,880 ( 7,340)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	9,580 ( 6,190)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	9,010 ( 820)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			9,980 ( 600)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			810 ( 0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	1,440 ( 810)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	0 ( 210)		
Colombo SUN in English			1,020 ( 1,470)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 ( 0)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	7,360 ( 2,830)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	4,710 ( 3,040)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	4,110 ( 4,210)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	10,440 ( 10,680)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			280 ( 1,510)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			0 ( 1,350)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			24,180 ( 23,740)
Bangkok POST in English			23,500 ( 30,110)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			3,600 ( 4,930)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0 ( 680)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			0 ( 490)
Bangkok WORLD in English			1,740 ( 1,570)

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in			
Bengali to Bangladesh	1,120 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Burmese to Burma	0 ( 1,120)		
Moscow in			
Cambodian to Kampuchea	750 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Hindi to India	620 ( 2,080)		
Moscow in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Lao to Laos	1,360 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Thai to Thailand	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Urdu to India	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Urdu to Pakistan	0 ( 0)		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in			
Cambodian	0 ( 0)		
Hanoi International Service in			
English	6,050 ( 4,760)		
Hanoi International Service in			
Thai	0 ( 1,240)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in			
Vietnamese	45,890 ( 39,190)		
Hanoi VNA in		0 ( 0)	
English		0 ( 0)	
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Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in			15,350 ( 12,290)
Vietnamese			
Hanoi NHAN DAN in			41,770 ( 27,250)
Vietnamese			
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in			2,900 ( 6,360)
Vietnamese			
Hanoi International Service in			
Vietnamese	120 ( 0)		

NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month



## BANGKOK BUREAU

## EMBASSY CIRCUIT OUTAGES FOR JUNE 1982

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GMT TIME</u>	<u>HRS MIN</u> <u>(PLANNED)</u>	<u>HRS MIN</u> <u>(UNPLANNED)</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1	1615-1630		15	Reason unknown
12	0450-0534		44	Reason unknown
15	1515-1524		9	Reason unknown
18	1521-1647		1 26	Reason unknown
24	0857-0923		26	Bad weather
27	0550-0707		1 17	Reason unknown
TOTAL			4 17	
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Total unplanned outage: 4 hours 17 minutes.